

# AGENDA

**Meeting:** Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board  
**Place:** Cricklade Town Hall, High Street, Cricklade, SN6 6AE  
**Date:** Wednesday 27 September 2023  
**Time:** 6.30 pm

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Including the Parishes of: Broad Hinton, Winterbourne Bassett, Braydon, Broad Town, Clyffe Pypard, Cricklade, Latton, Lydiard Millicent, Lydiard Tregoze, Lyneham and Bradenstoke, Marston Meysey, Purton, Tockenham and Royal Wootton Bassett.

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**Networking opportunity from 6:00pm.**

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## Wiltshire Councillors

Cllr Allison Bucknell, Lyneham (Chairman)  
Cllr Bob Jones MBE, Cricklade and Latton (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr David Bowler, Royal Wootton Bassett South & West  
Cllr Steve Bucknell, Royal Wootton Bassett East  
Cllr Mary Champion, Royal Wootton Bassett North  
Cllr Jacqui Lay, Purton

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	Time
<p>1     <b>Networking</b></p> <p>Three groups from Cricklade that have received grants from the area board to put on a display of how they spent the money.</p>	6:00pm
<p>2     <b>Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	6:30pm
<p>3     <b>Minutes</b> (<i>Pages 1 - 20</i>)</p> <p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2023 as a true and correct record.</p>	
<p>4     <b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.</p>	
<p>5     <b>Chairman's Updates</b> (<i>Pages 21 - 24</i>)</p> <p>The Chairman will give an update on local issues relating to the Area Board, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation on Wiltshire's <a href="#">Local Plan</a> – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Tuesday 10 October – Online via Microsoft Teams, 6:30pm – 8pm. Please click <a href="#">here</a> to register.</li> <li>➤ For the Area Board (excluding Broad Hinton) an in-person consultation event will be held at Royal Wootton Bassett Library, Wednesday 11 October, 3pm – 7pm</li> <li>➤ For Broad Hinton ) an in-person consultation event will be held at Marlborough Library, Monday 9 October, 3pm-7pm</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Congratulations to Tockenham for winning Wiltshire's best kept small village competition.</li> </ul>	
<p>6     <b>Information Items</b> (<i>Pages 25 - 26</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire Council has a new look <a href="#">website</a></li> <li>• Neighbourhood Police Team – <a href="#">Community Messaging</a> – included to show local reports of crime in our Community Police Team's area.</li> <li>• Wiltshire Council <a href="#">Consultation Portal</a> – allowing you to have your say on any relevant consultations currently being undertaken by Wiltshire Council and see the latest community messaging.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire Council Information Items:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wiltshire Council's activity and progress on the Climate Emergency – watch the video <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>○ Wiltshire Life Awards</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
7	<p><b>Tree Planting</b> (Pages 27 - 38)</p> <p>Terry Offen, Wiltshire Council's Woodland Officer Team Leader, will deliver a presentation about the role of the team and the grants available to support tree planting.</p>	6:35pm
8	<p><b>Police and Crime Commissioner</b></p> <p>To receive an update from Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson, OBE, MPhil.</p> <p>If you wish to submit questions in advance, please contact <a href="mailto:matthew.hitch@wiltshire.gov.uk">matthew.hitch@wiltshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Click <a href="#">here</a> to take part in the Commissioner's Rural Crime Survey.</p>	6:55pm
9	<p><b>Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett</b></p> <p>To receive a brief update about Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett's Neighbourhood Planning Process.</p>	7:15pm
10	<p><b>Spotlight on Parishes and Partners</b> (Pages 39 - 66)</p> <p>To receive updates from our key partners, including:</p> <p><u>Verbal Updates</u> To receive any verbal updates from representatives, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Wiltshire Police</li> <li>b. Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service</li> <li>c. Parish and Town Councils</li> </ol> <p><u>Written Updates</u> The Board is asked to note the following written and online updates attached to the agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Wiltshire Police</li> <li>b. Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service</li> <li>c. Parish and Town Councils</li> <li>d. Healthwatch Wiltshire</li> <li>e. BSW Together (Integrated Care Board)</li> <li>f. Age UK</li> <li>g. Centre for Sustainable Energy</li> </ol>	7:25pm
11	<p><b>Our Community Matters</b></p>	7:45pm

Updates from Area Board members on the Community Area Action Plan including the following priorities.

11a **Area Board Priorities Overview**

A summary will be provided by the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager, Andrew Jack.

11b **Youth Forum**

RWB and Cricklade Youth Forum update – Cllr Allison Bucknell

11c **RWB and Cricklade Environmental Forum**

RWB and Cricklade Environmental Forum update – Cllr Steve Bucknell

11d **Community Care Group** (*Pages 67 - 70*)

To find out the details of the last meeting of the Community Care Group on 26 July 2023.

Cllr Mary Champion and Cllr David Bowler

11e **Economy** (*Pages 71 - 72*)

High Street – Cllr Bob Jones MBE

Household Economy – Cllr Jacqui Lay

12 **Community Safety Forum** (*Pages 73 - 74*)

**8:00pm**

To receive an update on recent meetings of the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Safety Forum, including their latest meeting held on 8 September.

13 **Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)** (*Pages 75 - 88*)

**8:05pm**

To note the minutes and consider any recommendations arising from the latest LHFIG meeting held on 19 July 2023, as set out in the attached report.

Recommendations:

1. To note the notes of the meeting held on 19 July 2023.
2. To approve a budget allocation of up to £30,000 for dropped kerbs.
3. To approve a budget allocation of up to £10,000 for the following issues:

- 11-22-08 - Cricklade North Wall –repairs

- 11-23-08 – Lydiard Millicent Common Platt – safety measures
  - 11-23-12 – Purton Stoke – speed reduction measures
4. To close the following issue:
- 11-21-2 – Bradenstoke – dropped kerbs
5. To move the following issue to the Priority B list:
- 11-22-10 – Cliffe Pypard and Bushton - signs and road markings
6. To move the following issue to the Priority A list:
- 11-20-06 – C114 Water Eaton – gates, signs and road markings
7. For the Chairman of LHFIG to write to Highways asking them to revise a 40mph recommendation, by Atkins in relation to 11-21-8, to 30mph.

Further information on the LHFIG process can be found [here](#).

14 **Funding Applications** (Pages 89 - 92)

8:15pm

To note the remaining budgets and to consider any applications for funding, as detailed in the attached report and summarised below:

**Remaining Budgets:**

Community Area Grant	Older & Vulnerable	Young People
£18,639	£7,700	£19,475

**Area Board Initiatives:**

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
<a href="#">ABG1295</a>	Bradenstoke Self Help Group	£250

**Community Area Grants:**

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
<a href="#">ABG1316</a>	Swindon and Cricklade Vintage Train Project towards a new shed	£5,000
<a href="#">ABG1326</a>	Lyneham Military Wives Choir, a new	£159.99

	tablet	
<a href="#">ABG1330</a>	Lyneham Church Hall, door and window replacement	£5,000

#### Older & Vulnerable Grants:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
<a href="#">ABG1263</a>	Wiltshire Music Centre, Celebrating Age Wiltshire	£1,500
<a href="#">ABG1300</a>	Cricklade Open Door	£4,000

#### Young People Grant:

Ref/Link	Grant Details	Amount Requested
<a href="#">ABG1336</a>	The Stay Safe Initiative CIC, The 2024 Digital Empowerment Programme	£725

#### Delegated Funding

The Area Board is asked to note any funding awards made under the Delegated Funding Process, by the Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager, between meetings due to matters of urgency:

[ABG1285](#) – Young People Grant, Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council was awarded £441 towards Summer Pop Up Sports.

Further information on the Area Board Grant system can be found [here](#).

#### 15 **Get it Off Your Chest**

An open, public question and answer session to raise issues with your local representative (please note that if answers cannot be provided on the night, written responses will be provided after the meeting).

#### 16 **Urgent items**

Any other items of business which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.

#### 17 **Close and Future Meeting Dates**

Future Meeting Dates (6:00-8:30pm):

- 17 January 2024 – Including an update from the PCC and Chief Constable

**8:30pm**

- 13 March 2024 – All Things Roads
- 26 June 2024

For information on applying for a grant or grant application deadlines for these meetings, please contact the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager [andrew.jack@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.jack@wiltshire.gov.uk) or the Area Board Delivery Officer, [louisa.young@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:louisa.young@wiltshire.gov.uk)



# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board  
**Place:** Lyneham Primary School. Preston Lane, Lyneham, Chippenham,  
SN15 4QJ  
**Date:** 22 June 2023  
**Start Time:** 6.00 pm  
**Finish Time:** 8.24 pm

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## **In Attendance:**

### **Wiltshire Councillors**

Cllr Allison Bucknell (Chairman), Cllr Bob Jones MBE (Vice-Chairman),  
Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Steve Bucknell, Cllr Mary Champion and Cllr Jacqui Lay

### **Observing**

Cllr Tamara Reay (Portfolio Holder for Climate Change)

### **Wiltshire Council Officers**

Andrew Jack – Strategic Engagement & Partnership Manager  
Sarah Valdus – Director for Environment (allocated to the Area Board)  
Malcom Beaven – Area Manager (Northern Wiltshire) Local Highways  
Martin Cook – Area Highway Engineer (Northern Wiltshire)  
Dominic Argar – Assistant Multimedia Officer  
Matt Hitch – Democratic Services Officer

**Total in attendance: 26**

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<b><u>Minute No.</u></b>	<b><u>Summary of Issues Discussed and Decision</u></b>
109	<u>Networking</u>
110	<p><u>Election of the Chairman</u></p> <p>The Democratic Services Officer opened the meeting and called for nominations for the position of Chairman for the forthcoming year.</p> <p>Cllr Mary Champion nominated Cllr Allison Bucknell for the position of Chairman, which was seconded by Cllr Jacqui Lay.</p> <p>There were no further nominations.</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>To appoint Cllr Allison Bucknell as Chairman for the forthcoming year.</b></p>
111	<p><u>Election of the Vice-Chairman</u></p> <p>The Chairman nominated Cllr Bob Jones MBE for the position of Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year, which was seconded by Cllr Lay.</p> <p>There were no further nominations.</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>To appoint Cllr Bob Jones MBE as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.</b></p>
112	<p><u>Chairman's Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced the councillors and officers present.</p>
113	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Louisa Young – Area Board Delivery Officer</li> <li>• Inspector Gareth Edwards - Wiltshire Police</li> <li>• Sergeant Kate Smith – Wiltshire Police</li> <li>• Mark Hopkins – Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council</li> <li>• Fire Station Manager Phil Peuple – Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue (Westlea, Cricklade and Royal Wootton Bassett)</li> </ul>
114	<u>Minutes</u>

	<p>On the proposal of Cllr Steve Bucknell, seconded by Cllr David Bowler, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2023 as a true and correct record.</b></p>
115	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>The Vice-Chairman noted that he had received a dispensation from the Monitoring Officer in relation to being a member of Cricklade Town Council, categorised as an Other Registerable Interest under Wiltshire Council's Code of Conduct. The dispensation allowed the Vice-Chairman to remain in the room to take part in the discussion, and vote on the application, from Cricklade Youth Football Club and Cricklade Town Football Club.</p>
116	<p><u>Information Items</u></p> <p>The Area Board noted the information items as set out in the agenda pack, these were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire Libraries – National Data Bank: offering free mobile data to stay online pg. 31</li> <li>• Cost of living support pg. 33-34</li> <li>• Independent Visitor Scheme pg. 35</li> <li>• Solar Together pg. 37-40</li> <li>• The Wiltshire Hotel – Agenda Supplement 1</li> </ul> <p>Sarah Valdus, Director of Environment at Wiltshire Council, reported that the Area Board's area had had the fourth highest take up of the Solar Together scheme in the first round, out of the 18 Area Boards in Wiltshire. She highlighted that expressions of interest for the second round of the group buying scheme were open and encouraged interested parties to come forward.</p> <p>Cllr Lay noted that she would welcome further guidance about the installation of solar panels on listed buildings. It was noted that planning permission was not required for the installation of solar panels on temporary structures.</p> <p>Cllr Bowler stated that he was making regular visits to the Wiltshire Hotel, where contingency accommodation was being provided to asylum seekers. He explained that English lessons were being taught. He also spoke about the importance of ensuring that the sub-contractors providing services on behalf of the Home Office were meeting their contractual obligations and transparent about the services being delivered.</p>
117	<p><u>Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks - Registration for Priority Service and</u></p>

	<p><u>Resilient Communities Fund</u></p> <p>Mel Grace from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) gave an overview of their role, before providing an update about the Priority Services Register and Resilient Communities Fund. She clarified that they were not the company that residents paid their bills to but were responsible for the maintenance of the cables in the regional electricity network. As such, they had a responsibility to respond to power cuts in the local area. They carried out lots of local engagements including at luncheon clubs and schools, where children got the opportunity to dress up as engineers.</p> <p><u>Priority Service Register</u></p> <p>She explained that the Priority Service Register allowed vulnerable people to sign up for priority service, which would mean that they would receive a 'phone call to check on their welfare during prolonged power outages. The most vulnerable customers could be eligible for additional support such as the provision of generators to keep medical equipment running. It was highlighted that there was a single national number – 105 – which could be used to report a power outage anywhere in the country.</p> <p>In response to a question from Cllr Bowler about whether registering with one service would mean that you were automatically registered for all of the available support services, Mel stated that data sharing rules had been updated to allow greater co-ordination of services but that she would still encourage them to register for each service individually.</p> <p>Further information was available <a href="#">online</a>.</p> <p><u>Resilient Communities Fund</u></p> <p>It was reported that local non-profit making organisations were able to bid for grants to improve their resilience in the face of severe weather and prolonged power outages. A total of £280,000 was available for central and southern England and bids could be submitted until 31 July. In response to a query from Cllr Lay, it was confirmed that it may be possible to bid for the installation of solar panels on community buildings, but that residential buildings would not be eligible. Money could be used towards rescue team drone, village hall generators and even specialist advisers. It was noted that applications could be made through the <a href="#">SEEN website</a>.</p>
118	<p><u>Spotlight on Parishes and Partners</u></p> <p>Written updates were available in the agenda pack from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire Police pg. 43-47</li> <li>• Wiltshire Police Road Safety Update pg. 49-61</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service – Agenda Supplement 1 and the minutes</li> <li>• Healthwatch Wiltshire pg. 67</li> <li>• BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire – Integrated Care Board pg. 69</li> <li>• Community First pg. 67</li> <li>• Cricklade Town Council pg. 71-72</li> </ul>
119	<p><u>Lyneham Banks Update</u></p> <p>The Chairman provided an update about the scheme of repairs to the B4069 at Lyneham Banks. Key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire Council had a statutory responsibility to repair the road.</li> <li>• Most of the slippage that had occurred was on privately owned land.</li> <li>• Repairing the road would require complex engineering due to the topography of the site.</li> <li>• The site rested on a variety of permeable and impermeable materials, categorised into five different zones. Each zone would require a different type of remedial action and all of the remedial work would need to tie together across the site.</li> <li>• Following detailed topological surveys, a number of different options were being considered to repair the site. The preferred option was installation of a piled retaining wall with counterfort drainage.</li> <li>• There were plans to improve the drainage along the route of Lyneham Banks beyond the immediately affected, including further towards Dauntsey.</li> <li>• It was suspected that materials had been added to the site prior to the landslide in February 2022. Any contaminated material would need to be removed before construction began.</li> <li>• Work was ongoing to finalise land access agreements, calculate funding requirements and recruit specialist contractors.</li> <li>• A preliminary estimate of costs was around £5.9 million but it was possible that this could rise.</li> </ul> <p>During the discussion, the following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In response to a question about whether Wiltshire Council would be responsible for funding the repair works, the Chairman confirmed that it would.</li> <li>• Questions were asked about whether changes to the loading of the slope that may have contributed towards the landslide were caused by the unauthorised addition of materials to the site and, if so, whether the responsible party could be liable for compensation. The Chairman emphasised that it was important not to make accusations but, if it was found that unauthorised dumping had played a role, it might be possible for Wiltshire Council to investigate pursuing costs.</li> <li>• The Chairman reported that the repairs would be carried out in an</li> </ul>

	<p>environmentally friendly way as possible and that the project had attracted international interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Steve Bucknell explained that the length of time of the road closure was due to the movement of the ground over an extended period.</li> </ul> <p>Further information was available <a href="#">online</a>.</p>
120	<p><u>Road Maintenance Programme</u></p> <p>The Chairman revised the order of the agenda so that this item took place before the update on Lyneham Banks.</p> <p>Malcom Beaven, Area Highway Manager (North) and Martin Cook, Area Highway Engineer, updated the Area Board about the maintenance work being carried out on local roads. They also provided information about how to report potholes. Key points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wiltshire Council had a statutory duty to maintain the roads under the Highways Act 1980. They employed a group of engineers and support staff to support local maintenance.</li> <li>• The majority of the work was delivered through their main contractor, Milestone, who had taken over from Ringway on a five-year contract.</li> <li>• Milestone aimed to open 85,000 gullies over the next five years.</li> <li>• The local maintenance team repaired potholes under two square metres, but larger potholes were repaired by the major maintenance team.</li> <li>• A wide variety of activities were undertaken to maintain roads, including, grass cutting, drainage, sign cleaning and kerb realignment. Regular inspections of roads were undertaken with the frequency depending on the type of road.</li> <li>• Wiltshire Council were also responsible for issuing licences for temporary highway obstructions, such as skips and scaffolding.</li> <li>• The team supported Local Highway and Footway Improvement Groups (LHFIGs) where parishes could list their top five priority schemes that they would like to see implemented.</li> <li>• Highway maintenance issues could be reported through the <a href="#">MyWilts App</a>.</li> </ul> <p>Following the presentation, the Area Board watched a video demonstrating how potholes were repaired, which was also available <a href="#">online</a>. During the discussion, points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Area Board thanked the officers for their update.</li> <li>• Diana Kirby, Chair of Tockenham Parish Council, highlighted that she felt that long grass had made some of the junctions near their village unsafe and requested that it be trimmed.</li> <li>• In response, the Area Highway Manager (North) explained that they did ad hoc cutting before the main verge cutting took place in September.</li> <li>• The Area Highway Engineer reported that they had started a project in</li> </ul>

	<p>2021 to map areas of concern, undertaken by the previous contractor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geoff Greenaway from Purton Parish Council noted that it had taken longer than expected to resolve a drainage issue over winter and expressed frustration about temporary pothole repairs not lasting as long as anticipated.</li> <li>• In reply, the Area Highway Manager (North) thanked the parish representatives for their feedback and said that they would investigate the issues raised. They were working hard with their new contractor and with parish stewards to make their response as flexible as possible.</li> <li>• When questioned about the proportions of issues that were reported by residents and the ones found during surveys, the officer stated that it was roughly half that were identified via each.</li> <li>• It was confirmed that if a footpath was going over a road controlled by National Highways, such as Hook Road, then Wiltshire Council would be responsible for its maintenance.</li> <li>• Street lighting defects could be reported through the <a href="#">MyWilts App</a> but were managed by the Asset Management Team.</li> <li>• Several positions were being advertised in the team which, once filled, would aid with the delivery of LHFIG projects.</li> <li>• It was noted that the timing of the renewal of highway maintenance contracts was based on financial years rather than on seasonal factors.</li> <li>• Maintenance of trees and hedges next to roads was often the responsibility of the adjacent landowners. Wiltshire Council was able to take enforcement action in cases where they had not been maintained properly.</li> </ul> <p>A webinar with further information about potholes was available <a href="#">online</a>.</p>
121	<p><u>Our Community Matters</u></p> <p>Updates were provided by lead members and the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manger, Andrew Jack.</p>
122	<p><u>Area Board - End of Year Report</u></p> <p>The Area Board watched a <a href="#">video</a> about the projects that had benefitted from grant funding provided by them since May 2021.</p>
123	<p><u>Youth Forum</u></p> <p>The Chairman and Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager explained that they had met with representatives from Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council to discuss the future direction of youth provision in the town. It was reported that the Vice-Chairman of Cricklade Town Council, Angela Jensen, had been holding positive conversations about youth clubs in the town. The Area Board were reviewing whether there were any gaps in the provision of youth services and emphasised that grant funding was available to support a wide variety of groups.</p>

124	<p><u>RWB and Cricklade Environmental Forum</u></p> <p>Cllr Steve Bucknell informed the Area Board about the Environmental Forum's visit to Purton on 6 June. The visit was split into two parts, a visit to the Hill's recycling plant and a talk from Wiltshire Council's Woodland Officer Team Leader, Terry Offen. Cllr Bucknell explained that it had been an educational experience and the group had learnt about the importance of not including certain types of food waste in garden bins, as they could produce E.coli. The presentation about trees was delivered at Pips Community Café and included information about the various types of grants available for planting. Cllr Bucknell mentioned that he had heard a report on the Today Programme on Radio 4 about the United Kingdom failing to meet its tree planting targets, so encouraged attendees to research the different grants on offer. He had also asked the Woodland Officer Team Leader to attend a future meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman noted that she had instigated a meeting about introducing new cycle paths in Royal Wootton Bassett, including through Old Court Park.</p> <p>Cllr Lay said that she was due to attend St Mary's CofE Primary School the following week to discuss recycling with the children.</p>
125	<p><u>Community Care Group</u></p> <p>Cllr Bowler gave an overview the information that had been discussed at the meeting of the Community Care Group on 26 April, including the Priority Service Register. Planning had started for an engagement event, at Dairy View Extra Care Home, about access to healthcare services in Royal Wootton Bassett. If the event proved successful it was planned to hold similar events in Purton and Cricklade.</p> <p>Cllr Lay welcomed the idea and suggested that engagement events could be rolled out across the Area Board. She also raised concerns that a number of residents that had recently moved to Purton were unable to register with the local GP due to lack of capacity.</p> <p>Cllr Champion reported that they were planning to review their community directory to ensure that the information remained up to date.</p> <p>The Community Care Group would next meet on 26 July when they would discuss a Celebrating Age event.</p>
126	<p><u>Economy</u></p> <p><u>High Street Update</u></p> <p>The Vice-Chairman was pleased to report that Cricklade was one of the towns that was part of the Wiltshire Towns Programme to support business activity on the High Street. Cricklade was also one of the 10 towns to benefit from the newly launched <a href="#">heritage app</a>. Visitors to the town would be able to log on to</p>



	<p>access the free app to find out information about its historic cultural sites.</p> <p>Cllr Lay and Cllr Steve Bucknell reported that a site had been found for the proposed banking hub in Royal Wootton Bassett. The final details of the legal arrangements still needed to be agreed and planning consent would be required for the necessary changes to the building.</p> <p><u>Household Economy</u></p> <p>Cllr Lay stated that up to date information about the levels of deprivation in the community had been produced. It was an aim to help people with different initiatives and to promote healthy diets.</p> <p>The Chairman noted that grant funding was available, and they would be encouraging applications that supported less affluent areas within the community.</p>
127	<p><u>Priorities - Looking Ahead to 2023/24</u></p> <p>The Area Board then considered whether they wished to amend their priorities for the forthcoming year. During the discussion members stated that they were keen to carry on in their present roles to build upon their achievements so far.</p> <p>On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Lay, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>1) To note the achievements of the Area Board since May 2021.</b>  <b>2) To retain the Area Board's priority areas from the forthcoming year and to appoint the following lead members to deliver them:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Young People – Cllr Allison Bucknell</b></li> <li>• <b>Environment – Cllr Steve Bucknell</b></li> <li>• <b>Older People – Cllr Mary Champion and Cllr David Bowler</b></li> <li>• <b>The Economy – Cllr Bob Jones MBE and Cllr Jacqui Lay</b></li> </ul>
128	<p><u>Community Safety Forum</u></p> <p>The Chairman reported that Inspector Gareth Edwards had attended the last Community Safety Forum meeting on 9 June, and he hoped to introduce himself to the Area Board at the next meeting. Inspector Edwards should be supporting the Area Board's area for at least two years.</p>
129	<p><u>Appointment of Representatives</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered which of its councillors it should appoint as its representatives at the RAF Liaison Group and Community Safety Forum. They were also asked to appoint a representative to the Local Highway and Footway</p>

	<p>Improvement Group (LHFIG) and note its terms of reference. During the discussion it was noted that all of the Area Board’s members would like to attend the LHFIG.</p> <p>On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Bowler, it was resolved to make the following:</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To appoint the member for Cricklade as the Area Board’s representative on the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade RAF Liaison Group.</b></li> <li>• <b>To appoint Cllr Allison Bucknell as the Area Board’s representative on the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Safety Forum.</b></li> <li>• <b>To appoint Cllr Bob Jones MBE as Chairman of the LHIFIG and agree that all members would be invited to their meetings.</b></li> </ul> <p>On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Vice-Chairman, it was resolved to make the following:</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>To note the terms of reference of the LHFIG as listed on pages 113-116 of the agenda pack.</b></p>
130	<p><u>Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)</u></p> <p>The Area Board then considered the recommendations arising from the LHFIG meeting of 26 April 2023. During the discussion some members expressed frustration at the way that the way that the LHFIG system was operating. The Vice-Chairman noted that the group planned to have a new system in place from September. The Chairman stated that it was planned to agree an annual list of requirements and set the work programme for the forthcoming year.</p> <p>On the proposal of the Vice-Chairman, seconded by the Chairman, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>1) To note the discussions and updates in the attached report.</b>  <b>2) To move the following issues from the Priority A to Priority B list:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>11-21-10 Broad Hinton – Extension of 50mph from Elm Cross to beyond Winterbourne Bassett turning (road markings to be completed)</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11-22-1 Lydiard Millicent – Greenhill Crossroads speed reduction</li> </ul> <p><b>3) To move the following issues to the Priority B list:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11-22-8 Cricklade – North Wall damaged verge</li> <li>• 11-23-8 Lydiard Millicent - Common Platt speed reduction</li> <li>• 11-21-1 Lyneham – junction visibility near Tesco</li> <li>• 11-23-12 Purton – Purton Stoke speed reduction and visibility</li> <li>• 11-22-14 Junction signing Highden Lane with Broad Town</li> </ul> <p><b>4) To note that it was agreed that Cricklade Town Council would not have to provide a contribution towards 11-22-16 Cricklade, Chelworth Crossroads.</b></p>
131	<p><u>Funding Applications</u></p> <p>The Area Board considered the following application to the Community Area Grant Scheme 2023/24:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Cricklade Youth Football Club and Cricklade Town Football Club</u></p> <p>The sum of £5,000 was requested by towards a new compound.</p> <p>Rob Aylward, Chairman of Cricklade Youth Football Club, spoke in favour of their application, noting that they had around 100 members and around 120 children used the facilities. He explained that their equipment had been vandalised and they needed a secure place to store it.</p> <p>In response to a question about the help on offer for vulnerable people who may not be able to afford to join the club, Rob explained that they worked with parents to see if they might be able to offer discounts in certain scenarios.</p> <p>On the proposal of the Vice-Chairman, seconded by Cllr Steve Bucknell, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>The Area Board awarded the sum of £5,000 towards a compound for Cricklade Youth Football Club and Cricklade Town Football Club.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reason:</u> The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2023/24.</b></p> <p>The Area Board was then asked to note any funding awards made under the Delegated Funding Process, by the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager.</p>

	<p><u>Cricklade Festival 2023</u></p> <p>It was explained that a grant of £1,000 had been awarded between meetings due to the urgency of the application. A maximum of £1,000 per application can be awarded per application between meetings, so it was not possible to award the full £1,464.71 requested.</p> <p>On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Steve Bucknell, it was resolved to make the:</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p><b>To note the awarding of £1,000 towards Cricklade Festival 2023 via the delegated authority of the Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager.</b></p> <p><b><i>Reason: The application met the Community Area Grant Criteria 2023/24. Cricklade Festival was held on 18 June 2023, so the funding was awarded in advance of the Area Board meeting in order to be able to support the project.</i></b></p> <p>Information links: <a href="#">Area Board Grants</a> and <a href="#">Grants Criteria</a></p>
132	<p><u>Get it Off Your Chest</u></p> <p>Diana Kirby, Chairman of Tockenham Parish Council, highlighted that they were due to hold their village fair at 2pm on Sunday 24 June. She explained that it would be a traditional English fete and would only cost £2 entry.</p> <p>Mark Clarke, Chairman of Cricklade Town Council, thanked the Area Board for the grants awarded to their town. He also took the opportunity to praise Rob Aylward for winning the Cricklade Community Award and for wearing a very smart tie, pictured on page 71 of the agenda pack, whilst collecting his certificate.</p>
133	<p><u>Urgent items</u></p> <p>There were no urgent items.</p>
134	<p><u>Close and Future Meeting Dates</u></p> <p>6:00pm - 8:30pm (including networking for the first 30 minutes).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday 27 September 2023 - Cricklade Town Hall.</li> <li>• Wednesday 17 January 2024</li> <li>• Wednesday 13 March 2024</li> </ul>

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## DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

### WILTSHIRE AREA BOARD REPORT

#### Community Safety Plan

DWFRS Community Safety Plan can be found on the DWFRS website;

<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

#### Prevention

We are committed to making a real difference to the lives of people in Dorset and Wiltshire. Our aim is to reduce the level of risk and harm to our communities from fire, targeting those most at risk. We do this primarily through our Safe and Well visits.

A Safe and Well visit is **FREE** and normally lasts about one hour covering topics such as:

- Using electricity safely
- Cooking safely
- Making an escape plan
- What to do if there is a fire
- Keeping children safe
- Good practice – night time routine and other points relevant to you
- Identifying and discussing any further support the occupier may need

Are you or anyone you know:-

- Over the age of 65?
- Need a smoke detector?
- Have a long-term health condition?
- Suffer from poor hearing or sight loss?
- Would you struggle to escape in the event of a fire?

If you can answer yes to more than one of these questions, then please call us on 0800 038 2323 or visit <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>



## Protection

On-going interaction by Protection Team members with Local Authorities, Private landlords and tenants regarding fire safety-related matters: external cladding systems; fire detection and warning systems; fire resisting doors (& self-closers); combustibility/fire resistance of construction materials; commercial and residential sprinklers systems and water-mist suppression systems

### **General Enquiries**

If you have a general fire safety enquiry regarding commercial property, please email [fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk) and the Fire Safety Team will respond in office hours.

### **Fire Safety Complaint**

If you wish to tell us about fire safety risks in commercial premises, such as locked or blocked fire exits, you have three options:

- You can email the fire safety department at [enforcement@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:enforcement@dwfire.org.uk)
- Call 01722 69 1717 during office hours (9am-5pm).
- Call our Service Control Centre on 0306 799 0019 out of office hours (5pm-9am)

## On Call Recruitment

Have you always wondered if you could join the fire service, but haven't had the opportunity to find out more? Have you found yourself seeking your next challenge, keen to give back to the local community or wanting to learn new skills including leadership and teamwork? Then becoming an on-call firefighter is for you.

As a paid position, on-call firefighters commit anywhere between 60 to 120 hours per week, during which time they must be able to respond to the station immediately.

Many have 'normal' jobs during the day, then upon their return home make themselves available overnight or during the weekends. Some of our crew respond from their workplaces during the day, and we are very grateful to their employers for releasing them to perform their vital duties.

Anyone over 18 years old can apply (although you can also apply once you are 17½) you must be able to respond and attend the fire station within 5-8 minutes, you have a good standard of physical fitness (i.e. you are generally active), and you must have the right to work in the UK.

Further information on becoming an On Call Firefighter can be found at [www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/) or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.



## Recent News & Event

### Businesses encouraged to accept free fire safety checks

Local businesses are being encouraged to accept a free fire safety check if they are contacted by Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Business fire safety checks involve firefighters visiting selected premises, based on their detailed local knowledge, and meeting with the Responsible Person. The aim is to give simple advice on how to make the property – and the people within it – safer from the risk of fire or confirm that the right things are being done.

More on business fire safety, including how to complete a fire risk assessment, can be found at [www.dwfire.org.uk/business-fire-safety](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/business-fire-safety)

### Carbon monoxide safety reminder



We've been reminding everyone to make sure that they have both carbon monoxide and smoke alarms fitted at home.

It follows an incident last month when firefighters rescued a woman who had been rendered unconscious by carbon monoxide after a smouldering fire seeped smoke into her flat.

For advice on carbon monoxide and making your home safer, visit [www.dwfire.org.uk/carbon-monoxide](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/carbon-monoxide)

## Demand

Deliberate Fires	
June	
Cricklade	0
RWB	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

Accidental Dwelling Fires	
June	
Cricklade	3



RWB	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>AFA's Domestic</b>	
June	
Cricklade	3
RWB	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>AFA's Non Dwellings</b>	
June	
Cricklade	4
RWB	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

<b>RTC's</b>	
June	
Cricklade	3
RWB	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

## **AOB:**

DWFRS is continuing to seek new recruits to our OnCall duty system at all Stations across the North Wiltshire Area.

A "Have a Go" Day is being organised on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July at Westlea Fire Station with the aim of maximising attendance in the most cost effective manner. This day is open to anyone that is interested in becoming an OnCall Firefighter and is a great opportunity to learn what is involved, have a go at some of the practical tests, and speak to existing Firefighters about the reality of being OnCall.

We are advertising on our social media channels and expect a high number of applicants from across the area.



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE**

DWFRS has been particularly busy attending a number of large incidents such as a scrap metal fire in Pewsey and a Thatch Fire in Calne. Both incidents have required a huge effort from all our staff in both operational and support roles.

If you have any questions or would like more information on a particular topic at a future Board meeting then please drop me a line and I will do my best to find someone to assist.

**Station Manager Phil People**

**Email: [phil.people@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:phil.people@dwfire.org.uk)**

**Mobile: 07787862767**

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## Local Plan

The consultation for the Wiltshire Local Plan will be held from Wednesday 27 September until Wednesday 22 November, with in-person and an online event being held across the county to enable people to find out more and have their say.

The council is holding 16 drop-in events at libraries and leisure centres around Wiltshire between Monday 2 October and Wednesday 18 October along with a live webinar-style event on Thursday 10 October on Microsoft Teams.

The in-person events are informal drop-in sessions where people can meet officers and find out more about the Local Plan and how to respond to the consultation. There is no need to book for the in-person events, anyone can just turn up and speak to officers. The online session will feature a presentation, followed by an opportunity to ask questions; people should sign up for the online event beforehand on the council website and are encouraged to submit questions in advance.

The Local Plan sets out the vision and framework for housing, infrastructure and land for employment growth for the next 15 years. Once adopted, all planning applications will be determined against the plan, making it the most important place-shaping document for Wiltshire.

The full schedule of events will be included in the minutes of this meeting. To find out more and to sign up for the online event, people should go to [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-plan](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/local-plan)



## Tockenham Parish Council

Tockenham Parish Council are pleased to report that Tockenham has won the Wiltshire Competition for Best Kept Village 2023 - (Small category) Ours has always been a village full of good community spirit - so, when we called for volunteers to do some "sprucing" - our residents soon came to or help. Therefore, I would like to pass on many thanks to them - as well as to Councillors Kevin Woolnough and Julie Marshall for their amazing work on this project.

Thanks too to the judges for recognising that Tockenham is a very special little village.





## **Chairman's Announcement - Wiltshire Local Plan Review**

The Local Plan was endorsed by both Cabinet and Full Council in July, and it is now being prepared for public consultation in the autumn.

The Local Plan will set out the vision and framework for housing, infrastructure and land for employment growth for the next 15 years, until 2035, and is the most important place-shaping document for Wiltshire.

It has been in development since 2017, and has been through several stages of engagement, consultation and changes based on evidence and the feedback from communities, developers and businesses across Wiltshire.

Following work to assess the number of homes needed, the number of planned homes in the Plan has been significantly reduced from its last iteration. When the Plan was consulted on in 2021, it proposed 45,630 homes over 20 years to 2036, but the updated Plan proposes 36,740 homes, of which over 21,900 homes have already been built or are committed. It also maximises the number of brownfield sites to help protect as much of the Wiltshire countryside as possible.

It requires 40% of all new greenfield housing developments of 10 homes or more to be affordable, with greater flexibility to make it easier to provide affordable housing in villages where there is clearly identified demand, but those developments will still need to be proportionate to the size of a village.

Another key component of the Plan is its ambitious sustainability policies, as new developments will have to meet zero carbon standards, including energy generation such as solar panels. Biodiversity in Wiltshire will improve too, as the Plan policies set out a 20% net gain for all new developments, compared to the 10% legal requirement. All new developments must also have cycling and walking connections.

The council will publicise and let communities know of the autumn consultation when the dates are confirmed. Once the public consultation is complete and all comments have been considered, the Plan will be examined by an independent Planning Inspector before it is adopted.

To read the draft Plan and policies, please see: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy-local-plan-review](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy-local-plan-review)





# Grant Application and Planting Support

Supporting tree and woodland planting  
projects across Wiltshire

# UK's Climate Targets

- July 2019: UK Committee on Climate Change stated UK needs 30,000 hectares of trees/yr over the next 30 years (2,25 billion trees assuming 1 tree sapling/4m<sup>2</sup>)
- October 2019: Glover Report highlighted that National Parks and AONBs must play in meeting this target whilst appreciating the need for sensitive planning



# Wiltshire's Woodland Cover

- For Wiltshire, this target = 435 ha of woodland/yr for the next 30 years (>1 million trees / an area of woodland the size of Devizes each year)
- 40% of Wiltshire's landscape = AONB, national park or historic sites
- Large-scale tree planting needs to be carefully considered and sensitively introduced
- Woodland planting 2ha> requires planning permission



# Why plant trees and woodland?

## For communities:

- to engage in biodiversity & climate solutions
- for health, wellbeing, recreation & exercise
- for tree and woodland produce (nuts, fruit...)
- for clean air



# Why plant trees and woodland?

## For the environment:

- increasing biodiversity by creating new habitat
- reducing flood risk by slowing the flow of rainwater
- storing carbon to combat climate change



# Why plant trees and woodland?



## For farmers and landowners:

- provide shelter and shade for livestock
- improve soil quality
- reduce nitrate and phosphate runoff
- diversify income generation, through timber, coppice, Christmas trees etc.
- generate carbon credits



# GAPs team

Providing support to **Schools, Community Groups, Parish Councils, Farmers and Landowners** in planting woodland, trees and hedgerows across Wiltshire and Swindon.

We:

- help you choose the right trees for your site
- identify funding options and complete surveys and application forms
- give advice on planting, woodland design and aftercare.
- link people and groups together to get your project off the ground.

# Funding options

- Great Western Community Forest (Trees for Climate)
- Forestry England (EWCO)
- Woodland Trust
- Tree Council
- Urban Tree Challenge Fund
- Trees for Streets
- UK Community Tree planting
- Wessex Water
- National Highways...



# Tree Warden Scheme



We are recruiting tree wardens across the county to:

- survey existing trees in their area
  - identify new places to plant trees and local landowners who are keen to plant
  - apply for funding for tree, hedgerow and woodland planting in their community.
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- Approved by the **Tree Council**
  - All training provided



## Get in touch if you...

- want to plant trees on parish or community land and don't know where to start
- work at a school, business or other site where there is potential for trees, hedges or an orchard
- are a farmer or landowner and want more advice about tree, hedge or woodland planting
- want more information about becoming a tree warden.



# Meeting Targets

To ensure Wiltshire is meeting its tree planting targets, we need to log(!) all tree planting within the county.

To make sure your tree is counted, please let us know of any tree/woodland planting you are carrying out, with or without our help!



## Contact

[GAPS@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:GAPS@wiltshire.gov.uk)

## Website

[Trees and woodland in Wiltshire - Wiltshire Council](#)





## Community Report

Royal Wootton Bassett Community Policing Team

September 2023



# Your CPT – Royal Wootton Bassett

**Inspector:** Gareth Edwards

**Neighbourhood Sergeant:** Katharine Smith

**Neighbourhood Officers:**

PC Lucy Wright (Royal Wootton Bassett and Lyneham)

PC Beth Butwell (Cricklade and Purton)

PC Joanne Phelps (Malmesbury and Ashton Keynes)

**PCSOs:**

Kelly Hillier (Royal Wootton Bassett and Lyneham)

Monique Beasley (Cricklade and Purton)

Juliet Evans (Malmesbury Rural)

Rebecca Walsh (Malmesbury Town)



# Performance – 12 Months to July 2023

## Force

- Wiltshire Police recorded crime reports a YoY increase of 0.1% in the 12 months to July 2023 and continues to have one of the lowest crime rates in the country per 1,000 population.
- Wiltshire Police has seen a 0.2% decrease in violence without injury crimes in the 12 months to July 2023.
- In July 2023, we received:
  - 10,901 '999' calls, which we answered within 12 seconds on average;
  - 16,318 '101' calls, which we answered within 1 minute 17 seconds on average;
  - 8,784 CRIB calls, which we answered within 14 minutes 8 seconds on average.
- In July 2023, we also attended 1,724 emergency incidents within 11 minutes and 11 seconds on average.

Crime Type	Crime Volume	% of Crime
<b>Totals</b>	<b>43,048</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Violence without injury	7,441	17.3
Violence with injury	6,064	14.1
Criminal damage	4,751	11.1
Stalking and harassment	4,068	9.4
Shoplifting	3,957	9.2
Other crime type	16,767	38.9

## Royal Wootton Bassett CPT

Crime Type	Crime Volume	% of Crime
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,854</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Violence without injury	371	20.0
Violence with injury	291	15.7
Criminal damage	225	12.1
Stalking and harassment	191	10.3
All other theft offences	166	9.0
Other crime type	610	32.9

### Stop and Search information for Royal Wootton Bassett CPT

During the 12 months leading to June 2023, 59 stop and searches were conducted in the Royal Wootton Bassett area of which 48% related to a search for controlled drugs.

During 72.9% of these searches, no object was found. In 27.1% of cases, an object was found. Of these cases 64.4% resulted in a no further action disposal; 27.2% resulted in police action being taken; 8.5% resulted in an arrest.

Of the stop and search subjects who defined their ethnicity:

- White – 41 stop and searches
- Black or Black British – 1 stop and search
- Arab or other ethnic group – 1 stop and search
- Mixed – 2 stop and searches
- Asian or Asian British – 2 stop and searches

# Performance – Hate Crime Overview

## Force

Monthly hate crime volumes remain within nominal bounds with no exception

Data is reporting increases in Transgender and Sexual Orientation related hate which follows National trends.

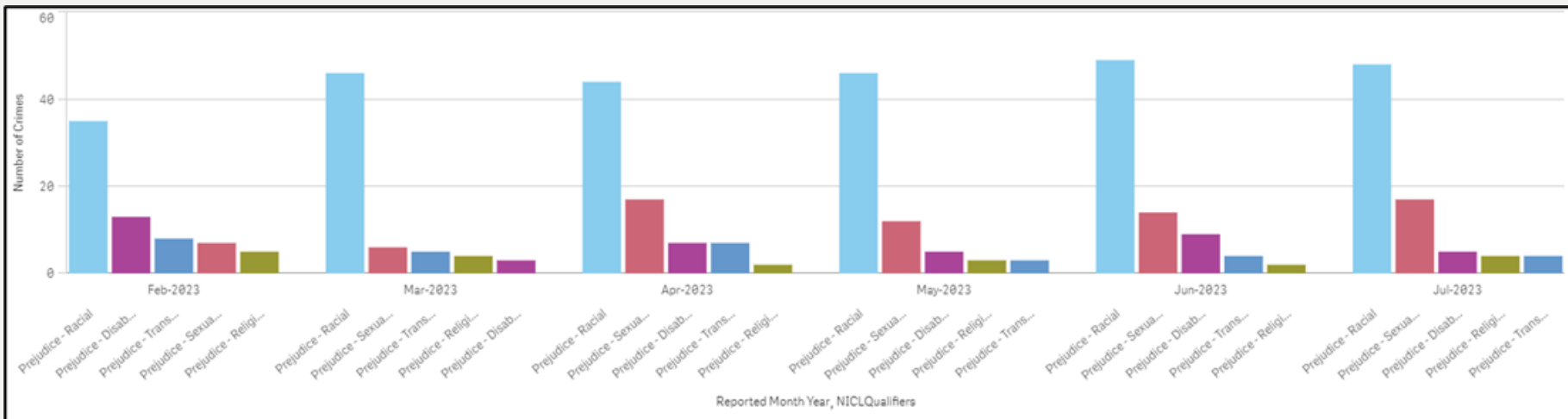
Data from the victim satisfaction survey reports that Hate Crime victims have an 84.5% overall satisfaction rate with the service they receive from Wiltshire Police.

## Royal Wootton Bassett CPT

	Number of Crimes	Change (number)	Change (%)
<b>Total</b>	23	-7	-23.3%
<b>Prejudice – Racial</b>	16	-12	-42.9%
<b>Prejudice – Sexual orientation</b>	4	2	100.0%
<b>Prejudice - Disability</b>	1	1	0.0%
<b>Prejudice - Religion</b>	1	0	0.0%
<b>Prejudice - Transgender</b>	2	2	-

Year on year comparison August 2022 to July 2023 (note: an individual crime can be tagged with more than one prejudice type e.g. sexual orientation & transgender)

### Force Hate Crime (6 months to July 2023)



# Local Priorities & Updates

Priority	Update
<b>Drugs</b>	We continue to robustly tackle drug-related crime in our area and aim to disrupt offending, bring offenders to justice and protect our vulnerable members of society. Over the last couple of months we have conducted a drugs warrant at an address close to RWB town centre where a large quantity of drugs were recovered from. The suspected dealers were arrested and have been bailed whilst the investigation continues. As a consequence to Police action, they were evicted and no longer reside in RWB. More recently, a closure order has been implemented on another address following concerns that a vulnerable occupant was being 'cuckooed' by a County Lines gang. We are working closely with our proactive Police teams to apprehend those involved and with our partner agencies to ensure the ongoing support of the residents involved.
<b>Road Safety</b>	We have been working with our Road Safety Unit and Roads Policing Team to focus on areas of concern to the local community. Speed checks are conducted throughout each week and local issues, such as the closure of Lyneham Banks, have been subject to 'Days of Action' so that we can provide a targeted approach to ongoing issues. Now that the summer holidays have come to an end we are back conducting school patrols to ensure the safety of local children and to educate families and drivers. We are working in partnership with the Head Teachers of some of the schools and RWB Town and Purton Parish Councils to seek long-term solutions.
<b>Youth Engagement</b>	PCSOs from the Neighbourhood team have set up a 'Mini Police' club at St Barts Primary and spent time over the summer volunteering with the Junior Good Citizen programme which was attended by Year 6 pupils from schools all across Wiltshire. Activities such as these gives us great opportunities to engage with local young people in a positive setting. Following a slight increase in knife crime a few months ago we have provided knife awareness inputs to the local secondary schools and RWB youth club with further sessions planned across the term.

# Useful Links

For more information on Wiltshire Police's performance please visit:

- PCC's Website - <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/>
- HMICFRS Website - <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmicfrs/police-forces/wiltshire/>
- For information on what crimes and incidents have been reported in the Royal Wootton Bassett Community Policing Team area visit <https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/wiltshire-police/>

# Get Involved

Keep up to date with the latest news and alerts in your area by signing up to our Community Messaging service –

[www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk](http://www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk)

## Follow your CPT on social media

- [Royal Wootton Bassett Police Facebook](#)
- [Royal Wootton Bassett Police Twitter](#)
- [Malmesbury Police Facebook](#)
- [Malmesbury Police Twitter](#)

Find out more information on your CPT area at:

[www.wiltshire.police.uk/area/your-area/wiltshire/royal-wootton-bassett/](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/area/your-area/wiltshire/royal-wootton-bassett/)







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#### Community Safety Plan

DWFRS Community Safety Plan can be found on the DWFRS website;  
<http://www.dwfire.org.uk/community-safety-plan/>

#### Prevention

We are committed to making a real difference to the lives of people in Dorset and Wiltshire. Our aim is to reduce the level of risk and harm to our communities from fire, targeting those most at risk. We do this primarily through our Safe and Well visits.

A Safe and Well visit is **FREE** and normally lasts about one hour covering topics such as:

- Using electricity safely
- Cooking safely
- Making an escape plan
- What to do if there is a fire
- Keeping children safe
- Good practice – night time routine and other points relevant to you
- Identifying and discussing any further support the occupier may need

Are you or anyone you know:-

- Over the age of 65?
- Need a smoke detector?
- Have a long-term health condition?
- Suffer from poor hearing or sight loss?
- Would you struggle to escape in the event of a fire?

If you can answer yes to more than one of these questions, then please call us on 0800 038 2323 or visit <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safe-and-well-visits/>



## Protection

On-going interaction by Protection Team members with Local Authorities, Private landlords and tenants regarding fire safety-related matters: external cladding systems; fire detection and warning systems; fire resisting doors (& self-closers); combustibility/fire resistance of construction materials; commercial and residential sprinklers systems and water-mist suppression systems

### **General Enquiries**

If you have a general fire safety enquiry regarding commercial property, please email [fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:fire.safety@dwfire.org.uk) and the Fire Safety Team will respond in office hours.

### **Fire Safety Complaint**

If you wish to tell us about fire safety risks in commercial premises, such as locked or blocked fire exits, you have three options:

- You can email the fire safety department at [enforcement@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:enforcement@dwfire.org.uk)
- Call 01722 69 1717 during office hours (9am-5pm).
- Call our Service Control Centre on 0306 799 0019 out of office hours (5pm-9am)

## On Call Recruitment

Have you always wondered if you could join the fire service, but haven't had the opportunity to find out more? Have you found yourself seeking your next challenge, keen to give back to the local community or wanting to learn new skills including leadership and teamwork? Then becoming an on-call firefighter is for you.

As a paid position, on-call firefighters commit anywhere between 60 to 120 hours per week, during which time they must be able to respond to the station immediately.

Many have 'normal' jobs during the day, then upon their return home make themselves available overnight or during the weekends. Some of our crew respond from their workplaces during the day, and we are very grateful to their employers for releasing them to perform their vital duties.

Anyone over 18 years old can apply (although you can also apply once you are 17½) you must be able to respond and attend the fire station within 5-8 minutes, you have a good standard of physical fitness (i.e. you are generally active), and you must have the right to work in the UK.

Further information on becoming an On Call Firefighter can be found at [www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/](http://www.dwfire.org.uk/working-for-us/on-call-firefighters/) or should you have any questions, you can call **01722 691444**.



## **Recent News & Event**

### **Set up camp safely: The hazards of the great outdoors**

As part of the Fire Kills campaign, Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is asking the people of Dorset and Wiltshire to stay safe this summer as they make the most of the weather and enjoy the great outdoors, whether camping, cooking or exploring.

Group Manager Jim Weston said “A long hot summer is what we hope for. However, like many changes in activity, it can bring risks. If you’re intending to take out your tent, ready your rucksack or get your caravan back on the road, you should go armed with some safety advice before heading for the great outdoors.”

By following the Fire Kills campaign’s top tips, you can ensure that your great adventure is a safe and enjoyable one.

For more fire safety advice, visit our website

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safety-outdoors/>

### **Water safety**



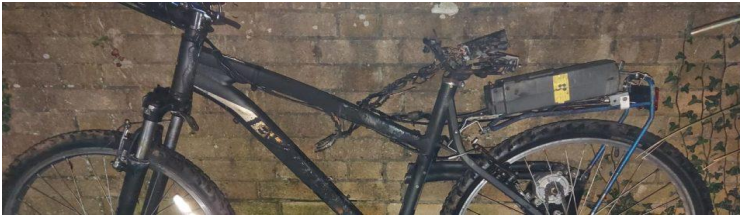
Being outside and enjoying the water is great for both physical and mental health and well-being; however, we need to respect the water and know what to do if things go wrong.

For more information about Water Safety, visit our website

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safety-outdoors/water-safety/>



## E-bikes and E-scooters



E-bikes and e-scooters are becoming increasingly popular, and with that, comes a corresponding fire safety concern due to the charging and storage of them.

Most are powered by lithium-ion batteries which can be charged in the home. On occasion, there is a risk that batteries can fail catastrophically, 'explode' and/or lead to a rapidly developing fire.

Please follow our safety advice to prevent this happening:

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safety/safety-at-home/causes-of-fires/e-bikes-and-e-scooters/>

## Demand

	Deliberate Fires					
	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23
Cricklade	1	0	1	0	1	0
Westlea	4	5	0	2	2	0
RWB	1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>			<b>6</b>		

	Accidental Dwelling Fires					
	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23
Cricklade	0	1	0	0	0	0
Westlea	2	0	2	1	0	1
RWB	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>			<b>3</b>		



<b>AFA's Domestic</b>						
	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23
Cricklade	0	0	1	0	1	0
Westlea	8	7	7	15	13	15
RWB	0	0	2	1	6	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>			<b>53</b>		

<b>AFA's Non Dwellings</b>						
	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23
Cricklade	0	1	3	0	2	1
Westlea	10	5	5	6	6	10
RWB	0	1	1	1	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>			<b>30</b>		

<b>RTC's</b>						
	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23
Cricklade	0	3	1	1	0	1
Westlea	2	2	2	1	0	0
RWB	0	1	1	2	2	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>			<b>10</b>		



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE**

## Incidents of note

**Station Manager Phil Peple  
Email [phil.peple@dwfire.org.uk](mailto:phil.peple@dwfire.org.uk)  
Mobile number 07787 862767**

## Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board

Update From	Cricklade Town Council
Date of Area Board Meeting	27 <sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Cricklade Festival 2023

Cricklade residents welcomed back the Cricklade Festival on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023. The event is a FREE event and was very well attended. The day included, musical acts on stage, a classic car show, a dog show, local community groups and charities had stalls on the High Street, there were some market stalls and street entertainers out during the day.



Grant funding was received from the Area Board and Cricklade Town Council. Councillors and officers manned the information stall for the day.

### Skateboard event

On 23<sup>rd</sup> August Cricklade Town Council commissioned ATBShop to run another very successful scooter and skateboard session at Cricklade Leisure Centre. This was another FREE event for local residents. 35 young people attended which included free hire, tuition and competitions. Cricklade Leisure Centre provided free refreshments so thank you to them.



## Cricklade in Bloom

Each year Cricklade Town Council holds a Cricklade in Bloom competition that local residents are welcome to enter but the judges do also just walk around to pick the winners. Some of the displays and award winners are shown below:

Best hanging baskets



Best front garden



Best overall



## Flu and Covid autumn vaccine programmes brought forward

This year's autumn flu and Covid-19 vaccine programmes will start earlier than planned following the identification of a new Covid-19 variant.

The precautionary measure is being taken as the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) examines the variant BA.2.86, which was first detected in the UK in August.

Those most at risk from winter illness - including people in care homes for older people, the clinically vulnerable, those aged 65 and over, health and social care staff, and carers - will be able to access a Covid vaccine from mid-September and are encouraged to take up a vaccine as soon as possible.

The annual flu vaccine will also be made available to these groups at the same time wherever possible, to ensure they are protected ahead of winter.

Wherever possible, flu and Covid-19 vaccines can be administered at the same time.

### Who is eligible?

Those **eligible for a flu vaccine** include:

- those aged 65 years and over
- those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups
- pregnant women
- all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2023
- school-aged children (Reception to Year 11)
- those in long-stay residential care homes
- carers in receipt of carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person
- close contacts of immunocompromised people
- frontline workers in a social care setting.



Those **eligible for an autumn Covid vaccine** are:

- residents in a care home for older adults
- all adults aged 65 years and over
- those aged 6 months to 64 years in a clinical risk group
- frontline health and social care workers
- those aged 12 to 64 years who are household contacts of people with immunosuppression
- those aged 16 to 64 years who are carers
- staff working in care homes for older adults.

### Advice when you need it

Our website provides a range of advice and information to help keep you up to date with the latest changes in health and social care.

Popular topics include our [mental health resources lists](#), our [A-Z guide to cost of living support](#) and [where to get out of hours healthcare](#). Visit the [Advice and information section](#) of our website to find out more.





## **Update for Wiltshire Area Boards**

September 2023

### **Vaccinations for Covid-19 and flu**

The winter vaccination programme, which had been due to start in October, has been brought forward following the identification of a new variant of Covid-19. Care home residents across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire, as well as those patients who are housebound, will be visited by teams from local GP practices or dedicated community vaccinators from Monday 11 September.

All other eligible groups, such as people aged 65 and over, pregnant women and those with a weakened immune system, will be contacted directly from Monday 18 September to book an appointment at a GP practice or pharmacy.

Wherever possible, people should be able to receive the flu jab at the same time as their Covid-19 vaccine.



AGE UK WILTSHIRE

# News and Views

## CEO Message - Sarah Cardy

Welcome to our second issue of our newsletter and thank you for the wonderful feedback from the first issue!

One of our strengths at Age UK Wiltshire is the fantastic team of staff and volunteers, who all bring their skills and passion to the work we do to support older adults in the community.

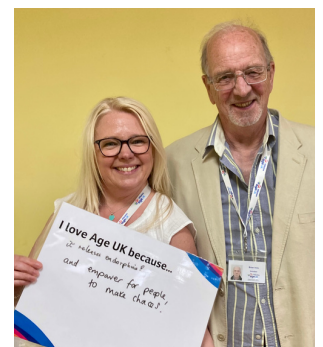
We recently held a staff and volunteer event which was an opportunity for us to come together as a team, and hear about why people love working and volunteering for Age UK Wiltshire!

**"I like to make somebody else's life a little bit better. It makes me feel good as well!"**  
**Bob, volunteer**



**"I can see and feel the difference Fitness & Friendship Club makes to everyone... and it makes my heart sing!"** Helen, F&F volunteer

**"It releases endorphins and empowers people to make choices."** Kelly, Living Well Senior Project Worker and Brian, volunteer



**"I'm learning loads and growing!"** Jasmine, Trainee Project Manager



**"I know we make a difference."**  
**Xanthe, Living Well Senior Project Worker**



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## News and updates

### CHARITY SHOPS



You might have heard about our plans to open **three charity retail shops**, which we will use as our hubs across Wiltshire!

Our first shop to open will be in Salisbury but for now, we are currently building up our retail stock. If you have any pre-loved items that you are happy to donate, please drop these off at one of the four local donation drop-off locations. Any donations are gratefully received and will directly impact the services we can provide to older people in our communities.

We have created a leaflet about charity donations, which is attached to this newsletter, for people to print out and distribute as widely as you can!

We'd be really grateful if you could share these on notice boards, with clients, friends, at events and anywhere you think you can spread the word! We will be sharing more on our Facebook page too - if you don't follow us already, please be sure to find us and follow for regular updates.

More information on what items we're looking for, and location details are on our [website](#). Thank you for your generosity!

### Organisation News and Updates

Demand for our Information & Advice service is growing and we're keen to expand our services so we can support as many people as possible across Wiltshire and Swindon. You may have seen this survey but if you haven't yet completed it, **we would love to hear your thoughts**.

[Expanding our service questionnaire](#)

**The Information & Advice service** over the last quarter have seen benefits enquiries exceed 50% of total enquiries, and we saw a significant increase in the number of people supported with Attendance Allowance applications.

**"Thank you for your e-mail, good news, I can now arrange to buy an oven and make a roast dinner at last, thank you all so much for your efforts on my behalf."**

**The Meals+ Service** is currently very busy with around 260 clients! See our Service Spotlight below for more about the service.

**"We've been knocked out with the quality compared to ready meals and my AA helps cover the cost! I don't have to worry about using the cooker anymore which was difficult with my sight"**

We now operate **Living Well services** from 15 GP surgeries across Wiltshire, and are providing a wide range of support to patients. See below for a focus on this special service.

**"Thank you for your visit today. I really didn't know all these clubs and activity groups were available to me. I have really enjoyed our chat today and your service is fantastic. Thank you!"**

**Telephone befriending** currently have 17 volunteers calling 100 clients and more telephone befrienders have recently joined the team.

**"The calls from J are amazing and I always look forward to them, although I've never met her I feel like I've got to know her and I enjoy the updates about her dogs and garden!"**

**Fitness & Friendship Clubs** are now running in 3 sheltered housing centres, (Swindon, Tisbury and Trowbridge). This is in addition to the popular 15 clubs we already have.

**"F&F was hysterical yesterday! A real laugh, everyone had a great time. I will definitely be back."**

Our new Melksham Community Support Senior Project Worker has started work on the **Melksham Community Support Project** and we'll share more about this in later issues.

Following the merger with Southampton Age UK, there have been some new developments with the Southampton I&A service moving into the Padwell Road Day Centre so the team can all work alongside each other. Recently, the Day Centre held a fundraising event for Breast Cancer Now with games, cupcakes, a stall for the police and entertainment from Eddie Cole which was a great success.

If you have any questions about our services, please just get in touch.

Sarah Cardy, CEO: [sarah.cardy@ageukwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:sarah.cardy@ageukwiltshire.org.uk)

Kate Brooks, Operations Manager: [kate.brooks@ageukwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:kate.brooks@ageukwiltshire.org.uk)

## Service spotlight - Meals+ Service

Our Meals+ Service has been expanding with new routes being adopted over the past few months and the number of clients increasing.

Each week, our friendly team deliver around 1,300 hot meals to clients' homes! The menu is varied, and is specifically designed to provide a nutritious meal for older people.

Last month, our Trustees were able to visit Toothill Community Centre to see how the Meals+ service operates and how hard they work!

If you know someone who could benefit from this service, our [website](#) has more information and contact details.



## Partnership working

### HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

At Age UK Wiltshire we work closely with our colleagues in health and social care. As well as delivering services ourselves, we are keen to help to make sure the needs and experiences of older people are taken into account in wider service design and delivery; and to feedback the experiences of the people we support.

Our Chief Executive, Sarah Cardy, is delighted to be the voluntary sector representative on the Wiltshire Health & Wellbeing Board. We are also part of the Neighbourhood Collaborative work in Melksham, around falls prevention.

## LIVING WELL SERVICE

One of our flagship services is the Living Well service, with specialist Age UK Wiltshire staff working within 15 GP surgeries across the north and south of Wiltshire.

The Living Well staff work as part of a team of health and social care professionals, offering holistic care and support to older people in those communities. People are referred by GPs for support with a range of issues, including:

- Health – falls, anxiety, confidence, eating/drinking
- Practical help – domestic, gardening, handy person
- Housing - options, equipment, repairs
- Personal care – washing, dressing, hairdresser
- Financial – benefit check, Attendance Allowance application
- Social support - activities, groups, befriending
- Health professional concern

In Q1, the Age UK Wiltshire Living Well team took 135 new referrals, visiting people in their own homes for a conversation about what's important to them, agreeing how we can support them to promote a sense of health and wellbeing, supporting them to overcome any practical difficulties they are experiencing, and helping people to access a range of activities and services that help to maintain their Independence and connections with their local community.

Rather than simply signposting someone to activities or groups in their area, we recognise that for many people having someone alongside them is crucial, so our Living Well team will often go along with someone while they gain confidence.

**“Thank you for sitting and listening to me. This is the first time someone has done this where I was able to discuss my struggles. I really appreciate all you are doing for me.”**

**“Thank you for the time you have spent with me going to the Salvation Army and again today the Hope Centre at St Pauls. I have now got the confidence to go on my own. Your support has been really helpful.”**

**“Everything was looking so gloomy until you came along, you have inspired me. I can't thank everyone enough for all the help I have been offered over the last couple of weeks.”**

## Join our team!

We currently have a vacancy for an **Information & Advice Senior Project Worker**, based at Age UK Southampton's Padwell Road Day Centre in **Southampton**.

Salary - £25,568

Hours - 35 hours per week. Monday to Friday

Contract - Permanent

Closing Date - 12 noon Wednesday 19th July 2023

This is a new post within Age UK Southampton, which has recently joined with Age UK Wiltshire.

The purpose of the post is to oversee the information and advice service for older people who are approaching Age UK Southampton, and ensuring they are provided with an appropriate service in-house or are suitably referred on.

This role offers opportunities for innovation, development, and growth of the information and advice service within the charity and involves working alongside counterpart roles in other organisations.

For more information and to apply, please visit our [website](#) or contact Judy Walker, Head of Services on 07714 287 794.

## Invaluable Volunteers!

We recently celebrated Volunteers' Week (1st - 7th June) with so much gratitude for all our volunteers.

Our volunteers do amazing work, giving up their time and sharing their skills to support older people.

If you are looking for a volunteering opportunity and want to support a local charity, helping older people in Wiltshire, Swindon and Southampton, then please get in touch via our website and complete a volunteer application form. We would love to have you on board!

Be inspired and listen to two of our volunteers, Michael and Briony, who share about their passion for volunteering:

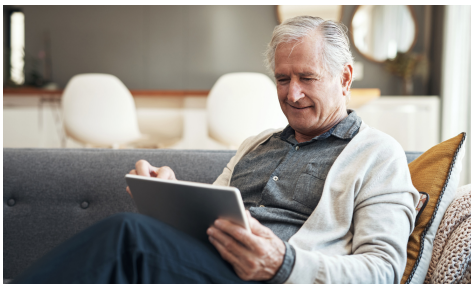
Michael – <https://youtu.be/1Z3-e8teqC0>

Briony – <https://youtu.be/-AEeMyPIKJA>



A great picture drawn by Jeannie, one of our volunteers (and resident artist) at our staff and volunteer day last week!

## Website information



Have you visited our [website](#) recently? We have lots of fact sheets and guidance available, as well as Frequently Asked Questions. You can also find out more about all our services.

The latest edition of the [Guide to Later Life in Wiltshire and Swindon](#) is full of useful information, including care provision and finance advice.

## Let's talk about: A Campaign Win! Free prescriptions age frozen at 60

In 2021, the Government announced it was consulting on the option to increase the age for free prescriptions from 60 to 66. Age UK were concerned that this was an unnecessary financial burden to place on older people, particularly those older people on modest incomes or managing multiple long-term conditions. If the government made this change, 2.4 million people over 60 would have been affected and forced to consider not taking important medication.

Following hard work across the Age UK Network over recent years, the Government has confirmed that the qualifying age for free prescriptions will remain at 60.

For more information, you can read the Government's announcement on [Gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)







## COMMUNITY MENTORING

Our community mentor program is designed to run alongside our training program to make sure that every Network member feels supported and that they can access the type of support they need when they need it.

All network members will be offered the chance of a mentor and support will be tailored to you. This includes deciding when, where, and how often you will meet. It could be a short online meeting every 2 weeks, or a longer session every 6 weeks with phone calls in-between if needed. A mentor could regularly come along to a group team meeting or a community energy surgery.

Our Team of energy advisors are experts in their field and no question is too silly or unusual. We will do our very best to answer your questions and give you the support you need on any energy related issue.

- Improving the energy efficiency of the home
- Heating types, controls and how to set them.
- How to manage bills, debts, and meter issues
- The best way to deal with suppliers.
- How to run community energy action days

You will also have access to our resources, information, guidance sheets and the latest news about grants and the energy market.

Contact us:

Email us at [warmandsafe@cse.org.uk](mailto:warmandsafe@cse.org.uk) (If you are in Wiltshire)

Or [safeandwarmsomerset@cse.org.uk](mailto:safeandwarmsomerset@cse.org.uk) (If you are in Somerset)



Support to help you support others

Regular catch ups in person or online

Support with events or workshops

Advice on all energy related topics

Training updates

Access to resources

Up to date information

*Rural Communities Energy Support Network*



**Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Community Care Group**  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023, Tinkers Lane Surgery**  
**Notes**

Item	Notes	Action
Present	Dianna Kirby, Tockenham PC; Cat Attewell, (Home Instead); Stevie Palmer; Heather Ponting-Bather; Mel Lambourne (Care Coordinator, Tinkers Lane Surgery); Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Mary Champion, Andrew Jack (Strategic Engagement & Partnerships Manager) (Wiltshire Council),.	
Apologies	Ashley Harris, Carers' Support Wiltshire; Nick Arthurs, Cricklade TC; Catherine Hacker, Lydiard Millicent PC; Louise Nankivell, (Prevention & Wellbeing team), Dawn Langsford, Aging Well team manager, Wiltshire Council	
Booklet Review – Community directory from '22	<p>The group agreed several entries needed amending or removing as local groups emerged, folded or changed what they are offering since the directory was first created about a year ago. SP mentioned several entries for Lyneham to be updated, as did DK for Tockenham.</p> <p>The group agreed that the document needed a refresh to make it up-to-date and useful again. There was discussion about the format of the new version and all agreed that whilst electronic / online will reach a (younger) segment of the community there also needs to be a paper version available to reach a different (older) segment. ML said how she had printed out about 20 paper copies at a recent event she had attended, which showed how useful this format is. The group agreed to print a new batch of hard copies once the refresh is completed. AJ said how there will need to be an Area Board Initiative raise by a Wiltshire Councillor to fund this.</p> <p>AJ said that he could email out to local town and parish council Clerks and Chairs asking for details within the directory to be updated and refreshed. It was noted there are several parishes not recorded within the current directory and it was hoped that showing this version and what it contains will encourage all parishes to contribute to the new one. AJ will also contact all the countywide groups, e.g. Carers' Support, Alzheimer's Support, etc, for updates to their information. If all CCG members can also look at the document and make any changes. Please send any updates to AJ who will collate.</p> <p>The deadline to receive back new information was agreed as end of September '23.</p> <p>There was discussion about how to get information about funding opportunities out to these local groups. <a href="#">Wiltshire Community Foundation</a> supports community groups across the county and has specialist funding advisers who can help with fundraising plans and with making applications to larger funders, e.g. National Lottery.</p> <p>AJ described the grant funding available from area boards as the <a href="#">Older &amp; Vulnerable Adults</a> funding. The definition of "vulnerable" can be broad and include those with mental health issues or other health conditions who are not old or who live with other vulnerabilities such as rural isolation or low income. If activity providers (e.g. Love to Move)</p>	<p>MC / DB</p> <p>AJ</p> <p>All</p>

	<p>are for-profit organisations they cannot apply for area board funding but a local group such as a parish council or community venue can make the grant application to bring in that service to the area.</p> <p>For more information about grants from the area board, please contact Andrew Jack on <a href="mailto:Andrew.jack@wiltshire.gov.uk">Andrew.jack@wiltshire.gov.uk</a> or 01225 713109</p>	
<p>“Accessing Healthcare” an engagement planned for Dairy View Extra Care Home</p>	<p>The engagement event was discussed at the April meeting: Following comments from residents MC and DB were keen to raise awareness about how to access services from local surgeries and the new kinds of services from other professionals, not just GPs.</p> <p>Since then, DB and AJ have held a follow-up meeting with Louise Nankivell at Dairy View to discuss this further: The café at Dairy View extra care home had been chosen as a venue, since residents there would likely be making their own appointments, etc and would add to audience numbers. The event would be available to all. This event would focus on services available within RWB and if successful could be taken to Cricklade and/or Purton to focus on services there as well.</p> <p>By being there, it was felt the café was not the best space for an engagement event such as this. There was also discussion about the different services to include and other possible locations. Also discussed was making this as part of an existing event, such as Tuesday Leg Club. Discussions at this meeting agreed that there was a purpose to informing residents there are more ways to access the services they need than insisting on a GP appointment and highlighting this is important.</p> <p>It was agreed that piggybacking this event onto an existing one that people already attended would be a good way to increase the reach. The Tuesday Leg Club and Public Living Room at Memorial Hall were suggested but as they are back-to-back it was felt this was too busy. SP suggested using a Celebrating Age event at the Memorial Hall. The group agreed September is too early to set this up but much later and older people are unwilling to go out in the colder weather. SP offered to find out dates and venues of Celebrating Age events in October.</p> <p>The group discussed who would present at this event. It was agreed to invite both GP surgeries in RWB and Great Western Hospital to give presentations on how patients can access their services. Other providers such as Age UK and Alzheimer’s Support would be invited to hold display stands as well where people could browse and find out more. AJ asked for more ideas of organisations to attend with displays. With the next CCG meeting being in late September it was agreed to hold an additional meeting especially to plan for this event. The group agreed to meet at Pips Café in Purton at 10.30 on 12<sup>th</sup> September.</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>All</p>
<p>Funding for Self-help care/carers group in Bradenstoke</p>	<p>SP described how people in Bradenstoke had identified a need for a new small group for carers and others in need to come together to support each other with information, assistance, living aids, etc. The idea being to signpost people using an information network that has already started gathering information from organisations such as Alzheimer’s Support. SP was happy to help set up this new group and run monthly sessions from a local venue like a community building or</p>	

	<p>pub but she wants this to be a very loose arrangement with no need for a committee or bank account.</p> <p>Costs for this new group include the venue (maybe alternating between Bradenstoke and Lyneham), refreshments and publicity in the form of printing posters and flyers for the local area.</p> <p>There was discussion about how this could be funded. SP expected this to go through an Area Board Initiative, with Wiltshire Council paying invoices directly. AJ described the advantages and limitations of this approach and the need for quotes for each element to be able to complete the form. MC asked if the application had to come from the Wiltshire Councillor for that area. AJ thought it did not have to be but would check. *Following the meeting, AJ has checked and applications can come from any Wiltshire Councillor and MC has agreed to complete the form.</p> <p>This application can go towards the September area board meeting – deadline 30<sup>th</sup> August.</p>	MC / AJ
AOB	<p>AJ said that the grant application from Celebrating Age Wiltshire has now arrived. It is for the expected amount of £1,500 to cover 10 events during 2023/24. He said how one of the roles of the CCG is to make recommendations of funding to the area board. The group agreed Celebrating Age is a worthwhile project and were happy to recommend awarding funding to this project.</p> <p>HP-B asked about the Our Community Matters newsletter as she had not been receiving it for several weeks. AJ said there had been some issues with the WordPress site and it had to be taken down. Before this had happened, there was already work underway to develop a new site to replace OCM. The Engagement team are keen for some form of replacement to publicise area board and community news and events.</p> <p>SP asked about Support at Home. ML said this is the new Reablement service from Wiltshire Council.</p>	
Date of next meeting:	<p>Next date: <b>25th October at PIPS café, High Street, Purton;</b> 31st January venue tbc. All meetings starting at 10.30</p>	



## UPDATE ON THE BANKING HUB FOR ROYAL WOOTTON BASSETT – SEPTEMBER 2023

Progress is being made for a permanent location for the Banking Hub for the town in that a location has been identified and processes are underway with permissions etc. However, this still may take some time hence Cash Access, which can offer a temporary solution for a venue, is looking for a location in the town where access for paying in and taking out cash will be available plus the Banks who are intending to be part of the new Hub will also be available on a rotating daily basis.

Further updates hopefully in the next few weeks or so!





## Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board Community Safety Forum – Report to Area Board SEPTEMBER 2023

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### Overview

The Community Safety Forum was set up during the height of the Covid-19 Lockdown to bring together appointed representatives of the Towns and Parishes and the Area Board Members with the local Wiltshire Police Inspector and the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Station Manager (Swindon West & North East Wiltshire – Westlea, RWB & Cricklade).

The group continues to meet virtually on the second Friday of the month.

Police and Fire priorities and issues are discussed, along with any general concerns arising from the parishes.

There will generally also be a main topic of interest with a presentation and speaker.

Notes of the meetings are sent to those present to be shared as they wish within their own parishes/organisations.

*If anybody would like a copy of the notes or presentations, or to join the Forum, please contact [allison.bucknell@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:allison.bucknell@wiltshire.gov.uk)*

### Recent Meetings

#### **JULY 2023**

**Sgt Rob Goacher** of the Rural Crime Team gave us a fascinating insight into the work that they do. The definition of Rural Crime is not any crime that happens in a rural location. It covers crimes such as

- Farm machinery, plant and vehicle theft - including quad bikes, modern and vintage tractors, tools and equipment from outbuildings
- Livestock offences - including theft, worrying and attacks
- Fuel theft - including heating oil, diesel and petrol
- Equine crime - including horse trailer and horse box theft, horse theft, tack theft, fly grazing and neglect
- Fly tipping - including household and commercial waste, waste through organised criminality
- Poaching which crosses over with the wildlife priorities - including hare coursing, deer poaching, fish poaching.
- Heritage crime - It is also important to recognise that rural crime and antisocial behaviour have an adverse impact on the historic environment and heritage assets found across the United Kingdom - including the theft of metal from church buildings, unlawful metal detecting

#### **AUGUST 2023**

No meeting

#### **SEPTEMBER 2023**

Sgt Kate Smith and PCSO Mo Beasley updated us on the plethora of activities the police had been involved in over the Summer months, including road safety, ASB, rural crime, thefts.

Report by

**Cllr Allison Bucknell**

12<sup>th</sup> September 2023



**Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG)**

**Date of meeting: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Microsoft TEAMS.**

**Chair – Councillor Bob Jones, Highways Officer – Steve Hind**

Notes taken by Steve Hind

	Item		Actions and recommendations	Who
1.	<b>Attendees</b>	Cllr Bob Jones (Chair), Cllr Allison Bucknell, Cllr Jacqui Lay, Cllr Steve Bucknell, Geoff Greenaway (Purton), Kevin Woolnough (Tockenham), Mo Suleman (Lydiard Millicent), Rupert Pearce (Broad Town), Jim Gunter (Broad Hinton), Jonathan Hill (Cricklade), Steve Hind (Wiltshire Council - Highways Principal Engineer), Martin Cook (Wiltshire Council – Highways).	<b>Area Board to note</b>	<b>AB</b>
	<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Mary Champion.		
2.	<b>News and Updates</b>	<p>Bob Jones described a proposal to allocate approximately £30k of existing budget to dropped kerb schemes within the Community Area. Each Parish/ Town Council to submit one Highways Improvement Request form in the usual way to <a href="mailto:LHFIGrequests@wiltshire.gov.uk">LHFIGrequests@wiltshire.gov.uk</a> with clear descriptions of locations considered to benefit from dropped kerbs.</p> <p>A methodology to manage and prioritise future LHFIG requests will be distributed in advance of the next LHFIG meeting.</p>	<b>Budget allocation up to £30k for dropped kerbs agreed.</b>	

3.	<b>CATG/ LHFIG Budget</b>	See attached.	Area Board to note	AB
4.	<b>Top 5 Priority Schemes (A List)</b>			
	<b>Item</b>	<b>Latest Update</b>	<b>Actions and recommendations</b>	<b>Who</b>
	<b>11-21-2 Bradenstoke</b> Submitted 19/02/21 Dropped kerbs	Site meeting with Milestone undertaken. Dropped kerbs without road closure will be implemented across Boundary Close and St Mary's Close.  Scheme implemented. Cost £7834. PC contribution 25%.	<b>Completed.</b>  <b>Issue to be CLOSED</b>	
	<b>11-22-16 Cricklade</b> Submitted 03/08/22	Chelworth Crossroads Improvements Proposal for signing and road markings completed and distributed to Cricklade TC for consideration.  Agreed that proposal is to be implemented to try and start to address the issues. Overall costs up to £3k will have no contribution from Cricklade TC.  Works pack submitted to Milestone for programming.	<b>Noted that works pack has been issued to Milestone.</b>	
	<b>11-22-10 Clyffe Pypard and Bushton</b>	The Barton. Request for signs and road markings  No realistic solution available. Further TEAMS meeting to be arranged. Allison Bucknell, Martin Cook, Steve Hind.	<b>No action. Move to Priority B</b>	

	Submitted 10/07/22	Cost estimate approx. £900 for warning sign and 'slow' marking on SW approach to Rebbell Cottages. Implementation can be arranged once 25% contribution from PC of up to £250 is available.		
	<b>11-21-8 Purton, Manor Hill</b>  Submitted 23/06/21	Request for speed reduction. PC 25% contribution agreed.  Site work for Speed limit review undertaken. Report being completed for distribution to Purton PC for consideration. The assessment shows 40mph between Purton and Lydiard Millicent.  Cost for traffic order process and implementation approx. £8k Purton PC want 30mph between Purton and Church End but this is not considered acceptable in the report. Purton PC to make request via email to enable further consideration.  PC request sent to Atkins for further consideration. Atkins have reviewed and the original review is considered correct, consistent with the approach taken within Wiltshire.	<b>Bob Jones to write to Highways (Dave Thomas) to request for Atkins recommendation to be overruled.</b>	
<b>5. Update on Priority B issues:</b>				
	<b>11-21-10 Broad Hinton</b>	Investigation being undertaken regarding signage and road marking improvements.  These have been shared with the Parish Council.	<b>Noted that confirmation of completion is required.</b>	

	<p>Submitted 14/08/21</p> <p>Extension to 50mph from Elm Cross to beyond Winterbourne Bassett turning.</p>	<p>It was noted that there may be surfacing work planned at this spot soon. Officers to liaise further to establish most cost-effective approach to implementation.</p> <p>Signing completed. However, road markings not implemented because the maintenance surfacing work was not undertaken at this location.</p> <p>It is understood that maintenance surfacing work was undertaken and the road marking amendments were overlooked by the organiser. Revised road markings will now have to be undertaken from April under the Milestone contract.</p> <p>Road markings on Milestone programme for end of June. Confirmation of completion required.</p>		
	<p><b>11-22-1 Lydiard Millicent</b></p> <p>Submitted 04/02/22</p> <p>Greenhill Crossroads speed reduction</p>	<p>Collision info obtained and initial site visit undertaken. One injury collision within the latest 5-year period.</p> <p>Site meeting undertaken with Parish rep to discuss. Traffic calming features already in place. Investigation for SIDS to be undertaken.</p> <p>Parish Council to confirm commitment to contribution and to request traffic survey metrocount to enable speeds to be monitored before SID installation.</p> <p>SH has identified location of SID and sent to PC for consideration. Not to be within 100m of speed limit terminal point. Installation can be undertaken with assistance from Area office if necessary.</p>	<p><b>Concern raised around the overgrowth of hedges at Greenhill Crossroads which are affecting visibility.</b></p> <p><b>Lydiard Millicent PC to write to landowners to request hedge cutting.</b></p>	

		<p>Parish Council to request traffic survey metrocount to enable speeds to be monitored before SID installation.</p> <p>The PC have requested a Metro count. SH to establish when the metro count information will be available.</p> <p>Apparently commissioned within a batch of surveys to be undertaken during the Summer.</p>		
	<p><b>11-20-06</b> <b>C114 Water Eaton</b> Submitted 20/03/2020</p> <p>Gates, signs and road markings</p>	<p>Scheme to be funded by Latton PC £10K budget Site meeting undertaken with Bob Jones to establish a proposal.</p> <p>Initial proposal suggested not approved. Further request to investigate build outs. Wiltshire Council will not allow build outs in unlit areas or on derestricted roads. Bob Jones to discuss with Parvis.</p> <p>No engineering resolution had been identified. A speed limit review was considered unlikely to result in a reduction in the limit, however Bob Jones would go to the Parish to ask whether they wish to follow that route.</p> <p>Parish Council have requested speed limit review which has been ordered via Atkins. It was confirmed that the Parish had agreed to contribute 25% of the costs.</p> <p>Atkins have completed review with recommendations of part 50mph and part 40mph. Sent to PC for consideration bearing in mind Biomethane Castle Eaton Ltd application and potential change to traffic volumes.</p>	<p><b>Progress implementation.</b></p> <p><b>Move to Priority A</b></p>	

		<p>PC have requested changes to be implemented. Advert schedule sent to Traffic Orders team. Advert from 13<sup>th</sup> April to 8<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p>If there are no objections to the advert, the implementation can be progressed.</p> <p>Some concerns requiring response resolved. Implementation to be progressed.</p>		
	<p><b>11-22-02</b> <b>The Elms/ Washpool</b> Submitted 04/02/22</p>	<p>Speed reduction.</p> <p>Teams meeting undertaken with Parish Council. Issue highlighted and some suggestions made to improve signing and road markings.</p> <p>Scheme design and cost estimate distributed to Parish Council for consideration. Approved by Parish Council 25% contribution. Submitted to Milestone for programming.</p>	<p><b>Noted that works package submitted to Milestone.</b></p>	
	<p><b>11-22-08</b> <b>Cricklade North Wall</b> Submitted 04/04/22</p>	<p>Damaged verge. Site review complete. Implementation considered to be difficult and expensive. Possibility of strengthening kerb by laying honeycomb mesh on top of suitable foundation. Martin Cook to progress.</p>	<p><b>Martin Cook to investigate/ progress.</b></p> <p><b>Budget allocation up to £10k agreed.</b></p>	
	<p><b>11-23-08</b> <b>Lydiard Millicent Common Platt safety</b></p>	<p>SH / Mo Suleman. Teams meeting undertaken.</p> <p>SH has carried out site visit. Current speed limit order 30mph. Street lighting not correct spacing. Further discussions required.</p>	<p><b>30mph signs can be installed as street light spacing doesn't comply with 30mph by virtue of street lighting.</b></p>	



	Submitted 14/02/23		<b>Further discussion required. SH/ Mo Suleman.</b>  <b>Budget allocation up to £10k agreed.</b>	
	<b>11-21-01 Lyneham Visibility at Tesco</b> Submitted 19/02/21	Being assessed. Possible low-cost lining scheme, Removing edge line and including H bar in front of access.	<b>Allison Bucknell to discuss with PC to find out whether a solution is still required.</b>	
	<b>11-23-12 Purton Stoke, speed reduction</b> Submitted 02/09/22	Signing and road marking scheme being developed and to be shared when complete.	<b>The PC want speed reduced. Speed limit review to be considered.</b>  <b>Budget allocation up to £10k agreed</b>	
	<b>11-22-14 Broad Hinton Junction signing</b> Submitted 22/08/22	Give way sign obscured by hedge growth. Maintenance required to cut hedge which is encroaching into the carriageway. Give Way sign can be relocated up to 12m from the give way lines.	<b>Martin Cook to investigate hedge cutting.</b>	

	<p><b>11-22-3 Cricklade</b> Submitted 09/02/22 Speed limit on approach to Cricklade from the east.</p>	<p>Existing traffic order information obtained but nothing available to determine the speed limit within the street lit area.</p> <p>Speed limit review required from the A419. Cost not for CATG as this is an anomaly which needs to be resolved within Highways.</p> <p>Atkins have been requested to undertake a speed limit review.</p> <p>Site work for speed limit review undertaken. Proposal to be advertised. Issue with part of existing street lighting within National Highways maintainable carriageway. Discussions with NH ongoing.</p>	<p><b>Issue on list for monitoring. (not LHFIG funding)</b></p>	<p><b>SH</b></p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Prioritisation of issues</b> To agree prioritisation of issues below should any priority A/B issues be completed</p>			
	<b>PARISHES</b>	<b>PRIORITY 1</b>	<b>PRIORITY 2</b>	
	Broad Town	11-23-4 40mph speed limit request along C415 (Broadacres northwards) <b>PC to arrange metrocount to check current speeds.</b>		
	Clyffe Pypard & Bushton	11-22-15 Youth Hostel to be removed from signs <b>Martin Cook meeting with PC and to report back.</b>		

	Cricklade	11-23-14 Review of disabled parking bays		
	Latton	11-22-7 traffic calming		
	Lydiard Millicent	11-23-09 Speeding outside the Church		
	Lydiard Tregoze	11-23-2 Hook, C414/ Hook Street	11-23-5 Hook, pedestrian safety	
	Lyneham & Bradenstoke			
	Marston Meysey			
	Purton	11-22-9 Mustang Way, Moulden View – No waiting		
	Royal Wootton Bassett	11-23-6 Speed of vehicles along Whitehill Lane	11-22-13 Community garden nature reserve – ROW issue	
	Tockenham			
	Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett			
	<b>7. Minor Signing schemes to be paid for by Town/ Parish Councils</b>			

<b>8.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>		
	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 (Bob Jones requested a face to face meeting)  Further meeting dates agreed:  Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	<b>Area Board to note</b>	<b>AB</b>

## RWB & Cricklade LHFIG

1st July 2023

### BUDGET 2023-24

£30,186.00 LHFIF ALLOCATION 2023-24

£52,340.00 2022-23 underspend

### Contributions

£6,000.00 Latton PC for Water Eaton (100%)  
 £625.00 Purton PC for Manor Hill speed limit review (25% agreed)  
 £2,000.00 Bradenstoke PC for dropped kerbs (25% agreed)  
 £0.00 Cricklade TC for Chelworth crossroads (0% contribution agreed)  
 £400.00 Lydiard Millicent PC for The Elms (25% agreed)  
 Cricklade, Stones Lane, dropped kerb(25%)  
 £225.00 Clyffe Pypard PC for The Barton (25% to be agreed)  
 £2,000.00 Purton PC for Manor Hill advert and implementation (25% to be agreed)

### Total Budget

£93,776.00

### Commitments

C114 Water Eaton speed limit advert and implementation 6000 Estimate(contribution 100%)  
 Purton Manor Hill, speed limit review 2500 Estimate(contribution 25%)  
 Bradenstoke dropped kerbs 8000 Estimate(contribution 25%)  
 Chelworth crossroads improvements 2000 Estimate(contribution 0%)  
 The Elms/ Washpool speed reduction 1600 Estimate(contribution 25%)  
 Cricklade, Stones Lane, dropped kerb Estimate(contribution 25%)

### New Schemes

The Barton, signs and roadmarkings (Rebell Cottages) 900 Estimate(contribution 25%)  
 Purton Manor Hill, speed limit advert and implementation 8000 Estimate(contribution 25%)  
 Cricklade, North Wall 10000  
 Common Platt safety 10000  
 Lyneham, visibility at Tesco  
 Purton Stoke, speed reduction 10000  
 Broad Hinton, junction signing  
 Community Area dropped kerb requests 30000

Total £89,000.00

Remaining Budget £4,776.00



## LHFIG Dropped Kerb Requests

Please be advised that deadline for your dropped kerb requests is 29 September. (Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council requests will follow after this date).

Please submit your sites in the usual way using the 'highway Improvements request form' (see attached) and email to [LHFIGrequests@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:LHFIGrequests@wiltshire.gov.uk)

If you are unsure of suitability for your sites or have any other questions, please drop me an email.

The group has provisionally allocated £30k in the 2023/24 for dropped kerb sites, so don't miss this great opportunity.





**Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Grant Report**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide details of the grant applications made to the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board. These could include:
  - community area grants
  - youth grants
  - older and vulnerable people grants
  - area board initiatives
2. To document any recommendations provided through sub groups.

**Area Board Current Financial Position**

	Community Area Grants	Youth Grants	Older and Vulnerable People Grants
Opening Balance For 2023/24	£ 24,639	£ 19,916	£ 7,700
Awarded To Date	£ 6,000	£ 441	£ 0.00
Current Balance	£ 18,639	£ 19,475	£ 7,700
Balance if all grants are agreed based on recommendations	£ 8,479	£ 18,750	£ 1,950

**Grant Funding Application Summary**

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1295</a>	Area Board Initiative	Bradenstoke Self help Group	Bradenstoke Self help group	£250.00	£250.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>                      It has become apparent the information on help for carers and those who need it the most is not getting through. Residents of Bradenstoke have had the idea of setting up a self=help group. These people have experience of the health and care sector and can help to signpost people towards the information they need. The idea is that during an informal get together, over a hot drink at a local venue, they signpost people using an information network that has already begun to be created towards information about groups such as Alzheimer's Support or Age UK</p>					
<a href="#">ABG1316</a>	Community Area Grant	Swindon and Cricklade Railway Vintage Train Project	Swindon and Cricklade Railway Vintage Train Project New Shed	£60000.00	£5000.00

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Mission To restore group of historic railway carriages to recreate typical passenger journeys of around one hundred years ago. Vision To provide an enhanced visitor experience, educating them in railway travel in the early twentieth century whilst providing enjoyable and comfortable rail journey for all ages and abilities. To provide improved environment for visitors wishing to view the ongoing work on the vintage carriages. To provide more comfortable and safe working environment for our volunteers. To provide greater security for our carriages, equipment and tools.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1326</a>	Community Area Grant	Lyneham Military Wives Choir	tablet for Lyneham Military Wives Choir	£159.99	£159.99
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Lyneham Military Wives Choir exists to enable women with a military connection to sing together. It is well known that singing is good for mental health and the friendships created within the group enable the ladies to provide support to each other. We also perform at various venues in the locality such as nursing homes and village fetes. We generally use backing tracks for the music that we perform through wifi connection between a tablet and the sound system. up till now we have used various members personal machines but this is proving unsatisfactory as every time someone is unavailable or moves away we have to start over again. We would like to purchase a dedicated machine which would be kept with the equipment so always available and ready to use.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1330</a>	Community Area Grant	Lyneham Church Hall	Lyneham Church Hall Door and Window Replacement	£16400.00	£5000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Lyneham Church Hall requires urgent replacement of the main entrance door, back door, fire escape door and windows. The current fittings - all PVC and double glazed - have been in place for many years and despite regular maintenance and repair have deteriorated with age and use to the point that they are no longer functional or compliant. The main entrance door and back door have been repaired many times but are now beyond further repair. They are very difficult to lock and require serious force (with a hammer) to open. The glass panels have blown and moss grows around the panels. The fire escape door is also difficult to open and close, the panels are blown and the door threshold has a raised step which makes it difficult for disabled use and a potential trip hazard in the event of an evacuation. This would not meet current DDA requirements. The hall has a number of double glazed window units. The glass panels in these windows have blown, the locks are very difficult to operate or are non-functional and the frames have gaps leading to heat loss and potential security risk. There is an urgent requirement to replace the doors and windows of the hall as soon as possible to improve energy efficiency and improve the safety, security and accessibility of the Hall which is a well used community meeting space.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1263</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Wiltshire Music Centre	Celebrating Age Wiltshire	£10455.00	£1500.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Celebrating Age Wiltshire (CAW) will use arts &amp; heritage activities to reach the most isolated older people in the Royal Wootton Bassett &amp; Cricklade area, helping to tackle loneliness and aiming to improve their health and wellbeing through creative and artistic engagement. In particular CAW will target those people who are vulnerable and socially isolated due to frailty, ill health, dementia, poor mobility or caring responsibilities. Our programme has developed four different strands of both live and online activity to meet the needs of this group. CAW is a partnership of community organisations across the county with Wiltshire Music Centre as lead organisation.</b></p>					

Application Reference	Grant Type	Applicant	Project	Total Cost	Requested
<a href="#">ABG1300</a>	Older and Vulnerable Adults Funding	Cricklade Open Door	Cricklade Open Door	£36300.00	£4000.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>We are a community drop-in provision with a range of activities and outings to help independent adults over 18, although the majority of our members are over 65, it enables them to lead a full and active life and helps prevent loneliness and social isolation. We are open 3 days a week 10am - 4pm. People can just pop in for a cuppa or stay all day. Prebooked freshly cooked hot lunches (provided by a local preparatory school) are available at a cost of £5. Our activities include assorted board games, informative talks, arts and crafts, bingo and seated exercises. There are 'one off' events such as vintage tea parties, singing for fun, visits from school children. Outings include visiting garden centres, pub lunches and attending plays and concerts being performed by the children at the invitation of our local schools. Open Door is a registered charity and very much part of the community and we have tremendous support from our Town Council, members, residents and local businesses. None of this would be possible without the outstanding work of our 2 paid co-ordinators and our team of 37 amazing volunteers who support our members with their activities and our drivers and escorts who transport our less mobile members in our minibus and for all members on their outings.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1285</a>	Youth Grant	Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council	Summer Pop Up Sports	£441.00	£441.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>Positive activities for young people of Royal Wootton Bassett over the summer holidays. There has been an increase in anti-social behaviour over the last few months and so the town council are keen to ensure that there is a range of positive activities available for young people over the summer holidays. The intention would be for there to be a number of sessions over the summer holidays which young people can partake in. The programme of activities would include pop up sports sessions, such as rounders, football and basketball and would include snacks, fruit and water, all led by our current youth services provider, the RISE Trust.</b></p>					
<a href="#">ABG1336</a>	Youth Grant	The Stay Safe Initiative CIC	The 2024 Digital Empowerment Programme	£1450.00	£725.00
<p><b>Project Summary:</b>  <b>To help address the ever growing issue of online harm / abuse and the impact social media is having on young people. The Digital Empowerment Programme has been designed to be delivered in secondary schools to enable us to reach hundreds of our communities young people and families and will not only help them to stay safer online, but will also allow them to have a bright and positive digital future.</b></p>					

## Background

3. Area Boards have authority to approve funding under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria. This document is available on the council's website.
4. Three funding streams are available to the Area Board, each with an annually awarded amount. These funding streams are as follows:
  - Community Area Grants (capital)
  - Youth Grants (revenue)
  - Older and Vulnerable People Grants (revenue)
5. The Area Board will be advised of the funding available prior to their first meeting of each financial year.

## **Main Considerations**

6. Councillors need to be satisfied that the applications meet the requirements as set out in the Area Board Funding and Grants Criteria and that the health and wellbeing and young persons funding guidelines have been adhered to.
7. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
8. Councillors need to consider any recommendations made by sub groups of the Area Boards.

## **Safeguarding Implications**

9. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

## **Public Health Implications**

10. The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

## **Environmental & Climate Change Implications**

11. Grant funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

## **Financial Implications**

12. Councillors must ensure that the Area Board has sufficient funding available to cover the grants awarded.

## **Legal Implications**

13. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

## **Workforce Implications**

14. There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

## **Equalities Implications**

15. Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.
16. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils equal opportunity to receive funding towards community based projects and schemes where they meet the funding criteria.

## **Proposals**

17. To consider and determine the applications for grant funding.

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